

**Amendment No. 2 to SB2650**

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 2650**

**House Bill No. 2571\***

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by deleting the language of SECTION 3 of the bill as amended in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-204(d)(3)(C), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(C) The commissioner shall have the authority to determine the date on which the most recent edition of the AMA Guides becomes effective for the purposes of this chapter. The most recent edition of the AMA Guides shall become effective for the purposes of this chapter no later than six (6) months after the date the most recent edition is released unless a cost analysis contracted by the commissioner produces a conclusion that the implementation of the most recent edition would result in an overall increase in the expenses to the workers' compensation system. In the event the cost analysis produces a conclusion that the most recent edition will result in an overall increase in the expenses to the workers' compensation system, the commissioner may delay the implementation of the most recent edition until such time as the cost analysis produces a conclusion that the most recent edition will not result in an overall increase in the expenses to the workers' compensation system. Should the commissioner make the determination to delay implementation after learning that a newer edition would lead to increased costs, the commissioner shall appear at the next scheduled meeting of the special joint committee of the general assembly on workers' compensation to explain the reason for the delay in implementation. The commissioner shall maintain the full titles of the various editions of the AMA Guides and the dates for which each edition is effective on the department's website.